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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report, mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/102, pertains to the transmittal of information from the administering Powers called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

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1. Under the terms of Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations, States Members of the United Nations that have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information relating to the economic, social and educational conditions in the Territories for which they are respectively responsible, other than those Territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply. In addition, the General Assembly, in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 71/102, has requested the administering Powers concerned to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 *e* of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned.

2. The table annexed to the present report provides the dates on which information called for under Article 73 *e* of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General for 2016, with 2015 data provided for reference purposes.

3. The information transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter generally follows the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history and population and economic, social and educational conditions. The annual reports of the Territories also include information on constitutional matters, as appropriate.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, including in particular resolution 66/82, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation of working papers on each Territory for the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The Special Committee has taken this information into account in formulating its decisions on these Territories, which are set out in the relevant chapters of its report to the Assembly (A/71/23). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in the implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (see A/71/23, chap. VII).

5. It is recommended that the information received from the administering Powers on the Non-Self-Governing Territories be used in the preparation of the working papers of the Secretariat and discussed by the Special Committee at its annual session.

Annex

Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations and period covered[a]

	Information received in 2016		*Information received in 2017*	
	Date of transmission	*Period covered*	*Date of transmission*	*Period covered*
France				
New Caledonia[b]	13 January 2016	2015	27 December 2016	2016
French Polynesia[c]	–	2015	–	2016
New Zealand				
Tokelau	21 December 2015	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Spain				
Western Sahara[d]	–		–	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland				
All British Non-Self-Governing Territories				
Anguilla	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Bermuda	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
British Virgin Islands	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Cayman Islands	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)[e]	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Gibraltar	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Montserrat	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Pitcairn	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Saint Helena	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
Turks and Caicos Islands	11 January 2016	2015	8 December 2016	2016
United States of America				
American Samoa	13 January 2016	2015	16 December 2016	2016
Guam	13 January 2016	2015	16 December 2016	2016
United States Virgin Islands	13 January 2016	2015	16 December 2016	2016

[a] For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV)) applies, see A/5446/Rev.1, annex I.

[b] According to its resolution 41/41 A, the General Assembly considers that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter.

[c] According to its resolution 67/265, the General Assembly recognizes that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), French Polynesia remains a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter.

[d] On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "the Spanish Government, as of today, definitely terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connection with the administration of the said Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." (see A/31/56-S/11997). For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1976*.

[e] A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see ST/CS/SER.A/42).